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Report of Operative G T Purdy

August 28th, 1926.

FOR: Mr. Timothy N. Pfeiffer

Operative reported to Mr. Palyer's office and then met him in New Brunswick where we held a conference with Mr. Watson and I received instructions from them.

In reference to the letter sent to Mrs. Hall on the 16th instant, Operative went to 435 George Street, New Brunswick and interviewed Mrs. A. Koury, who conducts a candy store at this address. Mrs. Koury is a colored woman. She stated that she prays for people in trouble and just wanted to say a prayer for Mrs. Hall. That she uses St. Anthony's prayer and it has done lots of good for many people. Operative asked her if she knew anything about the murder or if she knew the Gibson woman and she stated that she knew nothing of the murder and does not know the Gibson woman.

Operative then went to 405 Montgomery St., Highland Park and interviewed Mr. Grossley, who worked with Mr. Easton at one time. He stated that he could not talk to me, as his wife is a very sensitive woman and has asked him not to get mixed up in this case. He said he would drop in to see Mr. Watson Monday morning.

In the evening Operative made an investigation of the so called "Gillin Road House" at 255 French St. Came across a man named John Simpson of 216 French Street, who has lived in this vicinity about 29 years, who stated that he knew (Stumpy Gillin) James Gillin, who kept this place, but that he is seldom in the place and could not give any information about the people who visit it. Mr. Simpson stated that he knew a George Lefferts, a baker, who used to hang around there very often, but he does not know much about him and believes he is dead. He could not tell me where I might possibly find him. Stumpy Gillin died about 7 or 8